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Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Serving Preschool Children Under Title I, Part A, of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA)

In October 2012, the U.S. Department of Education updated the *Serving Preschool Children Through Title I, Part A*, Non-Regulatory Guidance (ESEA). The guidance provides clarity regarding the use of Title I, Part A, funds to implement high-quality preschool programs for eligible children.

The updated guidance includes examples on navigating the supplement/not supplant requirements; clarification on criteria to select students for services; use of Title I funds to support other preschool programs such as Head Start; and resources to support early learning programs. The nonregulatory guidance is available at the following link: <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/preschoolguidance2012.pdf>.

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